

**CREDITON
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

1921.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

FOR

Year ending December 31st, 1921.

To the Members of the Crediton Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

The Minister of Health wishes to have a full Survey Report once in five years, and only a short one in the intervening years. The one for 1921 has to contain the following particulars :

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area 93,508 Acres ; Population 9980 ; Number of Inhabited Houses : have not got the return for this year ; Number of Families or separate Occupiers : practically no houses in double occupation ; Rateable Value £69,320 ; Sum represented by a Penny Rate £289.

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	M.	F.	Total	
BIRTHS { Legitimate	94	75	169	} Birth Rate (R.G.) 17.8
{ Illegitimate	6	3	9	
DEATHS	60	66	126	Death Rate (R.G.) 12.6

The Births for England and Wales is 22.4

Deaths " " 12.1

No of Women dying in, or in consequence of from sepsis 0
of, childbirth - - " other causes 0

Deaths of Infants under one year of age { Legitimate 2 m., 4 f.
 { Illegitimate 1 "

Rate 39.3 per 1,000 births.

Death Rate for England being 83 per 1000.

Deaths from Measles	...	...	...	0
" Whooping Cough	...	...	...	1
" Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	...	...	...	1
" Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	0
" Diphtheria	...	...	...	0

3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Diphtheria 11 ; 5 sent to Sanatorium ; Deaths 0

Scarlet Fever 12 ; 1 " " 0

Tuberculosis :—

(a) Pulmonary	...	M	...	...	10
		F	...	...	9
		Total	...	...	19
(b) Non-Pulmonary	...	M	...	...	5
		F	...	...	3
		Total	...	...	8

I think that the efficiency of the notification of Tuberculosis is quite satisfactory, as I have not come across a case that has not been notified. The houses are disinfected after death or removal.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Cases			Vision Un- impaired	Vision impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
	Noti- fied	Treated					
		Home	Hospital				
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4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

One Sub-District had several cases of Diphtheria, but it soon subsided.

5. NURSING ARRANGEMENTS

Practically the whole of the District is covered by Nurses, who act as Midwives.

MIDWIVES : One as a Midwife only, rest combined Midwifery and Nursing.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

1. *Maternity and Child Welfare Centres* : One at Crediton.
2. *Day Nurseries* : None.
3. *School Clinics* :
4. *Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases* : Go to Exeter and Barnstaple.

HOSPITALS.

There are none in the District. Infectious cases are sent to the Exeter Isolation Hospital.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(a) For Infectious Cases.

(b) For Non-infectious Cases and Accidents.

None in the District, but procured from outside if required.

6. LABORATORY WORK.

Pathological specimens for poor people sent to Devon County Council.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin provided by the Rural District Council through the M.O.H. for poor people.

7. REGULAR INSPECTION OF PLACES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED, AND SLAUGHTER-HOUSES

Neither registered or licenced.

8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISINFECTION.

Sanitary Inspector disinfects after all notifiable diseases, including Tubercle.

9. HOUSING.

Number of New Houses erected during the year :—

(a) Six.

(b) Others under construction as part of N.H.S.

1. *Unfit Dwelling Houses.*

Inspection—Total number inspected for housing defects	...	50
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Number of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regula- tions, 1910	0
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Number of houses found to be in state unfit for human habitation	...	2
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Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	40
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2. *Remedy of defects without formal notice.*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	Several
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers.*

(A) Proceedings under section 28 of the
Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act,
1919—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	7
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(2) Number of dwelling houses which
were rendered fit—

(a) by Owners	5
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(b) By Local Authority in de- fault of Owners...	...	0
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(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of intention to close	2
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(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in re- spect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	6
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(2) Number of dwelling houses in
which defects were remedied—

(a) By Owners	4
(b) By Local Authority in de- fault of Owners		...	0

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

L. POWNE, M.O.H.
